(घ) यह आशा की जाती है कि नई आर्थिक नीति के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार द्वारा किए गए विभिन्न उपायों का भारतीय इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी उद्योग पर भी उत्पादन तथा निर्यात के क्षेत्र में प्रतिस्पर्धा की क्षमता में वृद्धि करने की दृष्टि से अनुकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

Formation of National Quality Council

957. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industry had been demanding the formation of a National Quality Council (NQC) as an independent body for certification of both, products and quality system, if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such a body the industries have to go to foreign agencies for getting the ISO 900 certification which has become necessary for doing business in the international market and have to spend a lot of money in foreign exchange by way of payments to the officials of foreign organisations ;

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to set up National Quality Council, if so, what are the details about its composition and functions ; and

(d) by when the National Quality Council is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) The proposal regarding setting up of a National Quality Council is under consideration of the Government.

S.S.I. units operational in Bihar

958. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the existing operational small scale units in the State of Bihar ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, district-wise ;

(c) whether is it a fact that a large number of small scale industries were closed during the last two years in various districts of the State ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to restart the closed small scale industrial units of Bihar in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Office of the Development Commissioner (SSI) during 1989—91 conducted 2nd All India Census of Small Scale Industrial Units falling under the purview of Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) and registered with various State/UT Directorate of Industries upto 31-3-1988 including the State of Bihar and have collected detailed information at State/District/product level from 5.82 lakh working units. The reference year for the survey was 1987-88. State-wise reports including Bihar have been brought out. It was observed from the results of the Census that 35,366 small scale units registered with State Directorate of Industries, Government of Bihar were found working during 1987-88. District-wise details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Any specific study to find out the number of closed units in various districts in Bihar during last two years has not been conducted. However, the